THE COURT FEES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to apply for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Court Fees Regulation (I of 1062) at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Govinda Pillai.

Permission was granted accordingly.

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg permission to introduce at the next ordinary meeting of the Council a Bill to amend the Criminal Procedure Code so as to empower Head Constables to conduct prosecutions and in view to regulate cognizance of forest offences.

Seconded by Mr. Govinda Pillai.

Permission was granted accordingly.

FOREST REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to apply for leave to introduce a Bill to amend the Forest Regulation (II of 1068 as amended by Regulation IV of 1071) at the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Govinda Pillai.

Permission was granted accordingly.

VAKILS' REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg leave to introduce at the next ordinary meeting of the Council, a Bill to amend the Vakils' Regulation (III of 1075).

Seconded by Mr. Govinda Pillai.

Permission was granted accordingly.

BILL TO AMEND THE TOWNS CONSERVANCY AND IMPROVEMENT REGULATION (III of 1076).

Mr. Ananda Row.—On behalf of Mr. Vieyra, who is absent to-day, I beg to apply for permission to introduce at the next ordinary meeting of the Council, a Bill to amend the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation, (III of 1076).

Seconded by Mr. Govinda Pillai.

Permission was granted accordingly.

THE TRAVANCORE TREASURE TROVE BILL.

Mr. Sankara Menon.—Sir, In accordance with the permission granted to me at the last meeting, I beg to bring up, for the consideration of the Council to-day, a Bill to make provision for the protection of Treasure Trove in Travancore. The Bill together with the statement of objects and reasons has already been published and circulated. The concluding sentence of the statement of objects and reasons gives the clue to the immediate motive that has inspired the Bill. The importance of securing for the Government Museum articles of historical or archæological value is admitted on all hands. There have occurred in the past instances in which large finds of treasure have been left unreported to Government or came to the knowledge of Government too late to be of any practical use to them. To mention only one of them, and a recent one too, large quantities of ancient coins of varying descriptions in gold, silver and copper, were washed ashore at Colachel during the sea erosion that occurred in July and August last. Attempts were made to collect as large a number of them as possible on account of their numismatic interest, but owing to the absence of a law, the efforts made were but partially successful. The uncertainty that exists at present regarding the rights of private individuals with respect to any finds is an

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